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1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE GDR HAS USED NEITHER CSCE NOR ECPC AS A MEANS TO GAINING FURTHER AUTONOMY FROM THE USSR. GIVEN ITS OWN SPECIAL PROBLEMS VIS A VIS THE FRG, THE GDR HAS AN INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THE SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF CSCE AND HAS CONSISTENTLY EMPHASIZED THOSE SECTIONS OF THE CSCE DOCUMENT DEALING WITH SECURITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THE INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS.

2. A STALKING HORSE FOR THE SOVIET ATTEMPS TO CONVENE AN ECPC FROM THE START, THE SED HAS HEWN CLOSELY TO THE SOVIET

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INTERPRETATION OF ECPC AND HAS CONTINUED TO SING THE

PRAISES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, BOTH IN
HONECKER'S SPEECH AT THE CONFERENCE AND THEREAFTER.
ALTHOUGH NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CARRIED THE FULL TEXTS OF ALL
SPEECHES DELIVERED AT ECPC, A MAJOR EDITORIAL AND AN SED
POLITBURO DECLARATION RELEASED SHORTLY AFTER THE CON-
FERENCE PLAYED DOWN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DIVERGENT VIEWS
EXPRESSED IN EAST BERLIN. THE POLITBURO DECLARATION
STRESSED THE SOVIET ROLE IN CONVENING THE CONFERENCE AND
REITERATED THE SEDS INTENTIONTO EXPAND ITS RELATIONS
WITH ITS OTHER PARTIES ON THE BASIS OF PROLETARIAN INTER-
NATIONALISM. WE HAVE NEITHER SEEN NOR DO WE EXPECT TO
SEE ANY SIGNS OF LESSENED SED DEVOTION TO THE SOVIET
UNION AS A RESULT OF CSCE AND THE ECPC.COOPER

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